[c2] (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the cutting element comprises a tungsten carbide substrate, the substrate brazed to the mounting pad.

[c3] (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one displacement comprises a castable material formed into a single body.

[c4] (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the projection extends past an external surface of the displacement by about 0.025inches.

Please cancel claims 5-11.

[c12] (Original) A method for forming a drill bit body, comprising:

infiltrating powdered tungsten carbide with a binder alloy in a mold, the mold having therein at least one displacement adapted to form a mounting pad for a cutting element, the displacement being made from a single component comprising a substantially cylindrical body having a diameter selected to substantially conform to a radius of the cutting element and a projection adapted to form a relief groove under a position of a diamond table in the cutting element when the cutting element is mounted on the pad.

[c13] (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim [12] 5 wherein the relief groove has a depth of about 0.025 inches.

[c14] (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim [12] 5 wherein the relief groove extends back from an outer surface of the blade at least about 40 percent of that portion of a thickness of the diamond table which does not extend past the outer surface.